

# Sharing Experiences

**I**t is with great pleasure that I welcome readers of *CRM* to this issue dedicated to the federal Canadian archaeology scene with a focus on Parks Canada. In these times of reduced budgets, expanded partnerships, and increasing interest in what we do, it makes good sense to use the *CRM* to share with a wider audience our experiences in managing archaeological resources.

You will see frequent reference to Parks Canada's Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Policy in this volume. This policy is a comprehensive statement of the principles, practice and activities we use in managing all types of cultural resources, including—but not limited to, archaeological resources. The objective of the policy is “to manage cultural resources administered by Parks Canada in accordance with the principles of value, public benefit, understanding, respect and integrity.” The policy is our principal reference in evaluating development options or in seeking mitigation funds; it is our conscience in addressing all matters relating to cultural resources.

As a result of the creation of the Federal Archaeology Office within Parks Canada in 1995 (which consolidated the Department of Canadian

Heritage's archaeological activities into one organization), Parks Canada now provides service beyond the boundaries of our National Parks and National Historic Sites. We are now actively providing policy advice and on-the-ground assistance to other federal government agencies in Canada in the implementation of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (1992). As well, we have made important advances in working with First Nations to ensure that aboriginal heritage—a significant part of the national heritage—receives the attention it deserves. This volume describes some of the many varied research and conservation projects that take place in our most highly valued natural and cultural areas. It documents the important role archaeology in Canada plays in fostering national awareness and reflecting the Canadian experience. I invite you to visit our National Historic Sites and National Parks to see for yourselves the central role of cultural resource management in Parks Canada.

—Christina Cameron  
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# Broadening Horizons

**I**n the early 1990s, my predecessor, Jerry Rogers, and Christina Cameron agreed to cooperate in the production of *CRM*. The scope of this cooperative venture was to range from Canadian authors contributing articles, to joint production of one or more issues each year, to full issues on Canadian CRM topics—coordinated and edited by Canadian experts. I am pleased to report that we have accomplished all of this. With the publication of “Parks Canada: Archaeology and Aboriginal Partners” we have realized the hope of my Canadian counterpart, Christina Cameron, for U.S./Canadian cooperation on the *CRM* journal; and Jerry Rogers' wish to “draw more effectively upon Canadian expertise . . . to augment the technical information available to preservationists in the U.S.”

The National Park Service welcomes this wide-ranging and interesting set of articles describing the archaeological programs and projects of Parks Canada. The recent reorganization of federal archeological pro-

grams in Canada has resulted in a focus on care for federal archeological resources and archeological resources affected by federal actions. We compliment Parks Canada on this recognition of the special archeological expertise that it has provided for Canadian National Parks and its professional ability to provide programmatic and technical assistance to other Canadian federal government agencies. This focus and organization are similar to the range of national archeological responsibilities carried out by the archeology program of the National Park Service.

I look forward to other articles and issues of *CRM* devoted to CRM topics of interest to both Canada and the U.S.

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